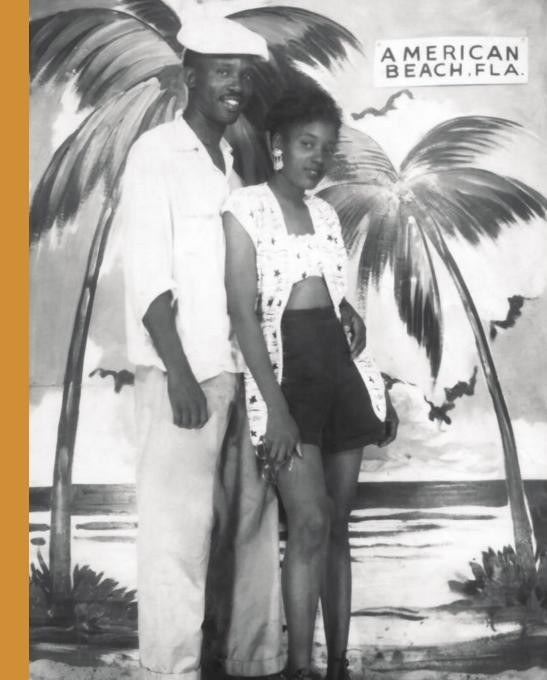
## The Crossroads Today

American Beach reminds us of a time in American history when all people were not viewed as equals. Yet this beach also presents us with memories of family time, enjoyment, and relief from the challenges of the work week.

The story of the beach intertwines with the history of north Florida. The geography of the area provided this secluded island location for African Americans to enjoy the sun and surf. The history and legacy of African American people—from enslavement to freedom to civil rights—can be learned by visiting more sites in the Timucuan Preserve.

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